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probation methods in New York State and in other states, together with the conclusions and recommendations of the committee.

The appendix which comprises two-thirds of the volume contains statistics of the commission for the year ending June 30, 1917; the proceedings of the Tenth Annual Conference of Probation Officers of New York State, giving in full the discussions on current probation problems; and a directory of probation officers in New York State.

The report of the commission may well be used as a text-book for probation officers both in New York State and in other states.

Chicago.

JOSEPH L. MOSS.

MANUAL FOR PROBATION OFFICERS IN NEW YORK STATE. Second Edition. Revised, 1918. Prepared by the State Probation Commission, Albany, N. Y. J. B. Lyon Company, Printers. Pp. 343.

On page 137 of this report the statement is made: "Inasmuch as there may be as many kinds of probation as there are courts using probation, the State Probation Commission aims to co-ordinate the probation work of all courts so that each one may benefit from the experiences of others." The Manual for Probation Officers is one method which the State Commission has used to establish a minimum standard of efficiency in all the courts using probation. It is an excellent piece of work. It is impossible to summarize its contents as it is encyclopædic in what it covers. But even though it does cover so much, words are not wasted. Each subject is treated briefly and clearly. It cannot help but have a large influence in standardizing probation work in the Empire State.

The two most practical chapters are those which deal with the duties, powers and methods of probation officers, and procedure during probation, and the one on records, reports, forms, accounts and statistics. The former chapter treats each subject in a concise manner and cites the law covering each point. These citations make the chapter infinitely more valuable to those who use the book. An excellent set of record and report forms are printed in the Manual with the statement that the State Probation Commission will install them free of charge in any court. There could be no better way of establishing a uniform system of forms throughout the state. The Manual is invaluable to New York probation officers and of great service to all others. Similar manuals should be published in every state. The excellence of this book is a strong argument for state probation commissions in states where they do not as yet exist.

Chicago.

JOEL D. HUNTER.

REPORT OF THE MAGISTRATES' COURT, CITY OF NEW YORK. By *Edwin J. Cooley*. 1917-1918. Pp. 106.

This comprehensive report by the chief probation officer, Edwin J. Cooley, contains suggestive material for probation work in all cities. One is impressed by the fact that of the 204,685 persons ar-